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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3299

INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BGEN, PO

SUBJ: TORRINGTON DEVELOPMENTS

REF: STATE 156796

1. EMBASSY CHECKED WITH LOCAL TORRINGTON MANAGER FOR DETAILS OF JULY 3 MEETING. LABOR MINISTRY HAS CONVENED MEETING IN EFFORT TO BRING PARTIES TO DISPUTE TO TABLE TOGETHER. MANAGER REPORTS MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HIM AND PORTUGUESE LAWYER LED TO MISINFORMATION TO WASHINGTON ABOUT USG PRESENCE AT MEETING. EMBASSY DOUBLE CHECKED WITH MANAGER WHO CONFIRMED THAT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE NOT INVITED. TORRINGTON MANAGER'S JUDGMENT IS THAT BETTER FOR FIRM NOT TO HAVE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. HE FEELS COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE LESS INHIBITED AND THAT EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS, IF NEEDED, WOULD HAVE MORE IMPACT IF COMMERCIAL ATTACHE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH WORKERS COMMISSION. ON BALANCE, WE CONCUR.

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2. WE ARE LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN TORRINGTON

REGARDING EARLY RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM. GOP HAS YET
TO CREW UP ITS COURAGE AND TAKE FIRM MEASURES TO
HALT LEFTIST-INSPIRED PLANT TAKE-OVERS AND RESULTANT
LABOR STRIFE. THEY WILL HAVE TO DO SO EVENTUALLY,
BUT THEY ARE CHRONIC PROCRASTINATORS.

3. BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT WE WILL HAVE TO
WEIGH IN AGAIN AT A HIGH LEVEL BUT AGREE THAT
USG APPROACHES SHOULD AWAIT OUTCOME OF JULY 3
MEETING.
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